

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for managing data across an enterprise , comprising the steps of:
2 (a) receiving a request for information from a user;
3 (b) searching for data relating to the user request in at least two geographically
4 separated information repositories;
5 (c) presenting results of the search to the user;
6 (d) allowing the user to browse through additional data of the information
7 repositories; and
8 (e) creating links between data items and other data entries in the information
9 repositories according to relationships the data items have to the other data
10 entries.
- 1 2. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of generating a
2 chart showing statistics about data in the information repositories.
- 1 3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the request for information is about
2 a person, and wherein data relating to at least one of clients, topics,
3 documents, and projects about which that person has made entries into the
4 information repositories is output to the user.
- 1 4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user is allowed to select a
2 category as part of the request for information for limiting the results of the
3 search, wherein the category is selected from the group consisting of:
4 person, document, topic, project, and client.
- 1 5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the results of the search include
2 abstracts of the data found during the search.

- 1 6. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of preparing a
2 dossier including people, prior documents, and past projects pertaining to the
3 requested information.

- 1 7. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for
2 managing data across an enterprise, comprising:
3 (a) a code segment that receives a request for information from a user;
4 (b) a code segment that searches for data relating to the user request in at least
5 two geographically separated information repositories;
6 (c) a code segment that presents results of the search to the user;
7 (d) a code segment that allows the user to browse through additional data of the
8 information repositories; and
9 (e) a code segment that creates links between data items and other data entries in
10 the information repositories according to relationships the data items have to
11 the other data entries.

- 1 8. A computer program as recited in claim 7, further comprising a code
2 segment that generates a chart showing statistics about data in the
3 information repositories.

- 1 9. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the request for
2 information is about a person, and wherein data relating to at least one of
3 clients, topics, documents, and projects about which that person has made
4 entries into the information repositories is output to the user.

- 1 10. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the user is allowed to
2 select a category as part of the request for information for limiting the results
3 of the search, wherein the category is selected from the group consisting of:
4 person, document, topic, project, and client.

- 1 11. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the results of the search
2 include abstracts of the data found during the search.
- 1 12. A computer program as recited in claim 7, further comprising a code
2 segment that prepares a dossier including people, prior documents, and past
3 projects pertaining to the requested information.
- 1 13. A system for managing data across an enterprise, comprising:
2 (a) logic that receives a request for information from a user;
3 (b) logic that searches for data relating to the user request in at least two
4 geographically separated information repositories;
5 (c) logic that presents results of the search to the user;
6 (d) logic that allows the user to browse through additional data of the
7 information repositories; and
8 (e) logic that creates links between data items and other data entries in the
9 information repositories according to relationships the data items have to the
10 other data entries.
- 1 14. A system as recited in claim 13, further comprising logic that generates a
2 chart showing statistics about data in the information repositories.
- 1 15. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the request for information is about
2 a person, and wherein data relating to at least one of clients, topics,
3 documents, and projects about which that person has made entries into the
4 information repositories is output to the user.
- 1 16. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the user is allowed to select a
2 category as part of the request for information for limiting the results of the
3 search, wherein the category is selected from the group consisting of:
4 person, document, topic, project, and client.

- 1 17. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the results of the search include
2 abstracts of the data found during the search.
- 1 18. A system as recited in claim 13, further comprising logic that prepares a
2 dossier including people, prior documents, and past projects pertaining to the
3 requested information.